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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

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Art Unit: 1615

Serial No.: 09/982,093

Examiner: B. Fubara

Filed: October 19, 2001

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For: **DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS**

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**REQUEST FOR**

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Application No. 09/982,093  
Filing Date: October 19, 2001  
Title: **DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS**  
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

*Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule 65 Fed.Reg. 50092 9Aug. 16, 2000; Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off.Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.F. § 1.114

- a.      Previously submitted
- i.            Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R.§  
1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii.          Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or  
Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii.          Other\_\_\_\_\_
- c.  X  Enclosed
- i.    X    Amendment/Reply
- ii.        Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.        Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.        Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Suspension of action on the above-identified application  
is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of  
\_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months;  
Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required**)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fees

(The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed)

- a. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Acct. No. 14-0112.
- i. X RCE fee of \$ 375.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is enclosed.
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,  
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